Frequently Asked Questions
Building Nurse Capacity (BNC) Project - Expression of interest (EOI)

1. Am I eligible to apply?
Expressions of interests for grants are invited from all primary health care organisations. For the purpose of this project, primary health care settings are considered workplaces outside of the acute setting, including areas such as (but not limited to) aged care, community health, correctional health and general practice.
In addition, applicants must:
- Have an employed nurse practitioner, registered nurse or enrolled nurse who will participate in the program, as the lead nurse (see page 4 of the EOI guidelines for further information relating to the enrolled nurses supervision requirements)
- Be a viable legal entity as defined by Australian Tax Office

The lead nurse or an organisational representative are able to complete the EOI.
Further details are available on page 4 – 5 of the EOI guidelines

2. Does my proposal meet the requirements of what is considered a nurse-delivered (team based) model of care?
The Evaluation Report of the 2014-2015 Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) Nursing in General Practice (NiGP) Project by Melbourne University states:
‘There are multiple conceptualisations of nurse clinics. [Nurse-delivered care] is a continuum of practice ranging from the nurse having delegated authority to make decisions regarding patient care at one end of the spectrum, to being responsible for all care provided, including clinical assessment, treatment and management of patients undifferentiated by need’ (p. 59).

Further reading: Howe, S. 2015. Review of Australian and international models of nurse clinics

3. Am I able to use the grant funding to contribute to salaries associated with the set up and/or running of the nurse-delivered (team based) model of care?
As per the Building Nurse Capacity EOI Guidelines, the BNC grant cannot be used for wages. However, the grant can be utilised for backfill to support the lead nurse and/or the nominated project support to attend to project related activities, including:
- Project and resource development
- Team meetings
- Workshop attendance.
The aim of this grant is to support the establishment of nurse-delivered models of care. Viability and sustainability of the proposed clinic needs to be achieved through consideration of current and available funding streams including fee for service, MBS billing options or block funding. Further detail is contained in the EOI.

4. I am a Registered Nurse and operate my own independent business. Am I eligible to apply for this grant?

Registered Nurses can apply if they meet the requirements as defined on page 5 of the EOI guidelines and are able to indicate how their service will integrate with the wider service system. Letters of support from external parties demonstrating their involvement and commitment to the project will enhance your application.

5. Does the nurse-delivered (team based) model of care have to focus on a specific illness or disease area?

The grant can be used across a range of areas, developed to meet an identified population health need, and covering the following topics:

- Screening rates and detection of early disease
- Indicators of management of sound chronic disease
- Healthy ageing in areas of population and patient need

6. Do I need a username or password to complete the online application?

The BNC EOI is easily accessible via the Building nurse capacity webpage. You do not require a username of password to access these.

7. When will I hear if my application is successful and who do I contact if I have any issues?

Closing date for expressions of interest – 12 midnight (AEDST) Monday 3 August 2020. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 9th October 2020.

Email buildingnursecapacity@apna.asn.au or call 1300 303 184 and speak to the Project Manager, Sara Sewell.

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